

ESTABLISHED 1861

NEW YORK CENTRAL SOON TO COME TO CLARKSBURG

Charter Taken Out for Clarksburg, Fairmont and Glenville Railroad Co.
BRANCH OF BIG SYSTEM
Road Will Tap One of Greatest Coal Fields in Harrison and Marion Counties.

A state charter has been issued to the Clarksburg, Fairmont and Glenville Railroad Company. The charter along with the maps and profiles were filed in the office of the county clerk here Tuesday.
The company will build and operate a railroad from Fairmont by way of Clarksburg to Glenville. The railway line will extend from Fairmont to the Harrison-Marion line, thence up Booth's creek to Clarksburg and thence to Glenville, Gilmer county.
The survey has been made from Fairmont to Clarksburg and that from Clarksburg to Glenville will soon be completed.
The proposed railroad is semi-officially known to be backed by New York Central interests, and it means that the Buckhannon and Northern, an extension of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie lines, will come to Clarksburg.
The Clarksburg, Fairmont and Glenville railroad will pass through one of the finest coal fields in Harrison and Marion counties and cause a development of great importance to this section of the state. As a part of one of the great trunk line systems it will also mean much to Harrison county and Clarksburg.
The incorporators are M. G. Sperry, A. B. Reese, C. B. Sperry, B. R. Hart and Charles M. Sperry. Although New York Central interests, as previously stated, are said to be the big factors in this movement.
An early construction of the railroad seems probable as negotiations are said to be practically completed for financing the same.

ONE TERM

Of Federal Court a Year at Least is Wanted by Residents of Elkins.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—The people of Elkins are continuing their fight for a law to provide for holding of at least one term a year of federal court in Elkins. For more than a year they have had available an appropriation for a federal building in their community, but the plans provided only for a postoffice, while they want it to be built as a postoffice and court house combined.
The treasury department does not see why the building should be a court house when no court is held in Elkins, so the people of that city are trying to have a term of court authorized. They will have a hearing before a subcommittee of the House judiciary committee on Thursday of this week, at which time they will present their reasons why they think the bill should pass providing for the holding of a term of court in their city.
Congressman Brown, who had expected to leave for the South before that time, has decided to remain over to assist them in their fight, before starting for the South to regain his health.

BIG OIL WELL

Is Drilled by the South Penn on the Lanham Farm on Rock Camp Run.

The week of development work in the West Virginia fields began with a good producer. The South Penn Oil Company is the owner. It is this company's No. 1 on the Rock Camp Run farm, located on Rock Camp Run, Sardis district, this county. The first 24 hours after the well was drilled into the Gordon sand pay it produced 400 barrels. In the same district the same company has drilled a test on the Jennie Harbert farm into the Gordon and the hole has filled up 2,700 feet with fluid. Grove & Parrish's No. 1 on the R. V. Moore farm is holding up at 280 barrels a day.

MAIL RIFLING

Is Charged against Mail Clerk Who is Placed under Arrest at Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 31.—William R. Baum, aged 30, a mail clerk in the Harrisburg postoffice, was arrested today charged with having stolen \$20,000 from the mails. It is alleged that two packages, each containing \$10,000 in currency, were taken from the mails on July 5, 1912. The money was being sent from St. Paul to a bank in New York.

NEW POSTMASTERS.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed in West Virginia as follows: William L. Seckman at Glen Falls, Harrison county to succeed Luke Murray, resigned; Roy B. Kemper at Long Run, Doddridge county to succeed Augustus Traugh, resigned; Charles M. Crist at Pond Gap, Kanawha county to succeed E. J. Crist, resigned; Wellington B. Hicks at Yawkey, Lincoln county to succeed W. F. Henderson, resigned.

CARGO OF RIFLES FOR THE ULSTERS

GREATEST

Undertaking in Marcato Club's History is Forthcoming Production of "America."

The Marcato Club, the well known organization of ladies which has made many past conquests in the field of music and art, is just now in the midst of the greatest undertaking in its history, and will present on the evening of April 16 and 17, "America," a dramatic musical and historical combination of all that is interesting and entertaining in stageland and dealing with the discovery of this country by Christopher Columbus.
The play will be elaborately costumed correctly according to the time and will be presented with a cast of more than one hundred. The club has engaged the services of Prof. and Mrs. E. A. McCloskey to direct the production. These people need no introduction to the Clarksburg public as their former work here testifies what "America" will be and playgoers and patrons of the Marcato Music Club may look forward to two evenings of rare entertainment April 16 and 17.

LIFE SENTENCE

Is Imposed on a Man Convicted of the Murder of Mrs. Emma Kraft.

CHICAGO, Mar. 31.—John Koetters today was found guilty of murdering Mrs. Emma Kraft, of Cincinnati, and his punishment fixed at life imprisonment. The jury took the case yesterday afternoon. Koetters killed Mrs. Kraft in a Chicago hotel with a hammer after obtaining possession of her money.

FOR JOINT PRIMARY.

CHARLESTON, Mar. 31.—Republicans and Progressives of Clay county at a joint meeting yesterday adopted a resolution to hold a joint primary to nominate county candidates. The Progressives re-elected George S. Johnson of the Progressive state committee.

RAILWAY TARIFFS ARE ALL HELD UP

Except a Few By the Interstate Commerce Commission of This Country.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—All new tariffs filed by railroads eliminating allowances to industrial roads were suspended today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The commission's decision was based on the fact that the Interstate Commerce Commission had decided to grant the request of the railroads to hear their concluding testimony today and Thursday.
Approximately 4,000 tariffs were suspended. They would have become effective at midnight and were submitted in compliance with the commission's findings in the industrial railways case in which it was held that allowances and divisions of rates made by trunk lines with certain industrial railways operated by iron and steel companies in eastern territory, were in effect rebates and that the Interstate Commerce Commission had decided to grant the request of the railroads to hear their concluding testimony today and Thursday.

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Disappears from Danish Island after An Embargo is Placed Thereon by Authorities.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Mar. 31.—A mysterious cargo of 300 tons of rifles, supposed to be intended for Ireland, disappeared from the vicinity of the Danish island of Langeland during last night after an embargo had been placed on it by the authorities.
The rifles were brought from Hamburg on board a lighter, which anchored off the island. A short time afterward the Norwegian steamer, "Fanny," drew up alongside and proceeded to take the arms on board. The Danish authorities then came on the scene and seized the papers of the lighter and the steamer, whose commanders were ordered to await further instructions. Today the two vessels had vanished.

MASON PROPERTY

At Lumberport is Purchased by Trustees for a Methodist Episcopal Parsonage.

The trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lumberport having under consideration the erection of a parsonage building on the lot where one had been destroyed by fire a few years ago, being informed that D. E. Mason's property near the parsonage lot could be purchased for \$2,000, concluded that as the house was well arranged for convenience, well finished and of modern style, it would be cheaper to purchase it than to erect a new building. They pay \$1,000 cash in hand and \$1,000 divided into three equal installments to be paid in one, two and three years. The purchase is approved by those interested.

FINED \$5 AND COSTS.

Nichols Tspo's confessed to assaulting Timothy Margnean, at home at Grassell several evenings ago and was fined \$5 and costs by Justice Jackson V. Carter. Monday evening Tspo's said he entered Margnean's room while he was asleep and beat him up. Trouble had been brewing between the two for some time.

PROBE

Of the Sugar Beet Industry is Begun by Federal Bureau of Corporations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—Investigation of the sugar beet industry in the United States has begun by the bureau of corporations to determine whether the industry has been injured by the new tariff. Investigators are now at work in Ohio, Michigan, Colorado and the Rocky Mountain states and expect to finish their work in about two weeks.

EXPERT MILLINER

Comes from New York and Takes Charge of Millinery Department.

Miss Jeanne Clarke, of New York, arrived in Clarksburg Monday and now has charge of the millinery department of the Watts-Lambert Company. Miss Clarke has been associated with leading millinery establishments in New York and was formerly connected with the well known Fifth Avenue house of Osborn and Company.
The millinery department of the Watts-Lambert Company has recently been extensively enlarged and is now located on the main floor. Miss Clarke will be pleased to show the many new hats she has selected and prepared for the current season.

CREWS STRIKE

And Freight Handling in New York Harbor for Railroad Company is Affected.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The crews of twelve tug and steam lighters that handle freight in New York harbor for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad struck today for shorter hours. The captains and engineers did not join the strike and the railroad's marine department said that the movement of freight was not delayed and that conditions would be normal by night. The employees were told at a conference last night that, while their demands would be submitted to headquarters on account of the present financial condition of the railroad, it was doubtful if they would be granted.

"SPOTTING"

Charges Would Be Harmful to Industries of the State of West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, Mar. 31.—People interested in the coal and lumber industries in West Virginia are deeply concerned and gravely apprehensive at the outcome of the proposition now before the Interstate Commerce Commission to charge \$2.00 a car for "spotting" on sidings. It is pointed out that, if such a charge is ordered by the commission, the coal and lumber operators alone, in West Virginia, will be mulcted \$3,019,162 annually, all of which will go to the railroads. In addition to this it is conservatively estimated that the other industries of the state and the business concerns will have to pay at least \$2,000,000 more, thus putting a burden of over \$5,000,000 a year on the people of West Virginia.
This idea of making shippers pay the railroads for "spotting" cars originated with Louis D. Brandeis. It is an old idea of his, and was advanced by him some years ago, but no action was taken upon it. However, some months back when the railroads made an advance of five per cent on their general freight traffic, and a horizontal advance of five cents a ton on coal in the West and ten cents a ton in the East, Mr. Brandeis was engaged by the commission as special attorney in this case.
While the commission was hearing the five per cent proposal, Mr. Brandeis brought up his theory again. He suggested that, if the railroads collected what they should for services performed in terminals, they would not need to ask for any increased rates on the road haul. In line with this theory, he suggested that a charge of \$2.00 a car be made for "spotting" at the point of shipment, and an equal charge at destination.
This proposition has caused West Virginia coal and lumber operators to make some calculations, and a have found, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the "spotting" expense would be a grievous burden on West Virginia.

In the year 1913 this state produced 64,491,646 tons of coal. By estimating each carload of coal to be fifty tons and many of the cars do not hold that much—it will be seen that 1,289,833 cars of fifty tons will be required to handle the output. If the Interstate Commerce Commission adopts the plan of Mr. Brandeis, and charges \$2.00 a car for "spotting," the coal operators will have to pay \$2,779,666 each year. The annual output of rough lumber in this state is about 1,472,942,000 feet, and it takes 12,500 feet to make a carload. It will be seen, therefore, that to handle this lumber 117,825 cars will be required, and the cost of "spotting" will be \$235,670. In addition to this, West Virginia manufactures approximately 150,820,000 laths each year, and a car carries 80,000 laths. Therefore to handle the lath output 1,885 cars will be necessary, and the "spotting" charge will be \$3,770. In the neighborhood of 6,828,000 shingles are also made each year in the state, and the cost of "spotting" cars to handle them would be \$66.

Protests are being made by wholesalers and retailers in other Virginia and large shippers of West Virginia are preparing to join in the effort to have the proposition for this onerous charge rejected.

ENJOINED

By the Supreme Court is Circuit Court from Trying Suit against Governor.

CHARLESTON, March 31.—That the office of governor is political and the discretion vested in the chief executive by the constitution and laws of the state is not subject to review or control by the courts was the decision of the supreme court of appeals today in the case of Hatfield against Graham, in which a writ of prohibition was awarded prohibiting Judge John T. Graham, of Cabell county, from proceeding further in the suit for \$15,000 damages against Governor Hatfield and four officers of the West Virginia national guard.
During the period when a martial law was in force in Point Creek the Socialists' Labor Party, published at Huntington, opposed the policy of the state administration. Officers of the national guard raided the plant, arrested the editor and confiscated copy for an edition. The publication entered suit for damages and the contention was made in the supreme court that the courts of Cabell county had no jurisdiction. Judge Robinson dissented from the opinion of the court today. Speaking specifically of martial law and the suppression of newspapers, the chief justice said: "By the terms of the authority vested in the governor by the constitutional laws of the state he has the authority as commander in chief of the military forces pending the existence of martial law, covering any portion of the state's territory to cause to be arrested and imprisoned until peace is restored any person, whom he has good reason to believe is aiding or encouraging disorder and rioting; and he may also temporarily suppress any newspaper published in the state having a circulation in the martial law zone and containing articles which have reasons to believe will encourage a continuation of the disorders therein."

The court held further that "a subordinate military officer is not rendered personally liable for injury resulting to private property from executing a lawful order issued by the governor, as commander in chief of the military forces."

CITY OF TORREON IS STILL HELD BY FEDERAL ARMY

SHRINERS READY FOR PILGRIMAGE

To the Imperial Council Meeting of the Shrine to Be Held in Atlanta in May.

Announcement has been received here of the itinerary of the pilgrimage of West Virginia shriners to the Imperial Council meeting of the Shrine at Atlanta May 13, 14, and 15, and a goodly number of shriners are arranging to join the big caravan.
The Arab patrol of Nemesis Temple at Parkersburg, where most of the local red-tops hold membership, has extended a cordial invitation to the nobility to join in the big movement toward Dixieland. Their plan is to leave Parkersburg on a special train of all steel Pullmans Saturday, May 9 at 3 o'clock p. m., arriving at Cincinnati, where by special invitation of Imperial Potentate William W. Irwin, of Wheeling, they will become a part of his personal escort into the south, leaving Cincinnati at midnight over the L. & N. and arrive at Nashville Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. The Nashville temple has made arrangements to provide a full day's entertainment for the visitors, and they will leave there Sunday night for Atlanta, where their train will be parked near the business center of the city for occupancy during the sojourn at the big gathering.
The Atlanta meeting is expected to be the biggest thing of the kind ever held in the south. There will be in attendance the representatives of 132 temples of the shrine from all over North America and fully 150,000 visitors.
The Nemesis special will leave Atlanta early Thursday morning and the return trip will be made by Chattanooga, the blue and white Mammoth Cave, arriving at Parkersburg on Saturday.
A very low rate has been secured for the trip, about \$50 covering railroad fare, Pullman and meals from the time of leaving Parkersburg until the time of leaving Chattanooga. The committee in charge of arrangements is Col. C. E. Morrison, of Parkersburg. The representatives of Nemesis at Atlanta will be Past Potentate L. N. Tavenor, Potentate I. Wade Coffman and Chief Rabbi A. B. White.

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NEGRESS LYNCHED

By a Mob for Killing a Young White Man with Knife in Oklahoma.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Mar. 31.—Mary Scott, a negro woman, who Sunday night killed Lemuel Peace, a young white man by driving a knife into his heart, was taken out of the Wagoner county jail early today and hanged to a telephone pole. The mob overpowered the jailer, a one-armed man, threw a rope over the woman's head and dragged her out of the jail.

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THAW CASE

Retards the Promotion of a Machine Glass Plant at Morgantown.

H. P. Keenan, of Morgantown, promoter of the Machine Glass Company there, which purposes to erect a factory in that city, has been in Clarksburg a day or two on business connected with the enterprise.
Mr. Keenan says that the organization of his company has been moving very slowly from the fact that Henry L. Collins, a brother-in-law of Harry K. Thaw and one of the owners of the patent under which the plant is to be operated, has been engaged in the Thaw proceedings in the East and has been unable to give the glass company any attention.
Morgantown and Pittsburg interests in a short time, when some definite conclusion as to the location of the plant will probably be reached. Otto and Leopold Sigwart, of Morgantown, are interested in the company.

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Government is Quite Confident That That City Will Not Be Taken by Rebels.

FIGHTING CONTINUES

From Building to Building without Any Open Charges or Concentrated Assaults.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—The Mexican embassy here today received the following message from the foreign office in Mexico City: "Torreon has not fallen and the government is quite confident that it will not fall according to the latest reports received by the government from the front."

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN THE CITY OF TORREON.

JUAREZ, Mar. 31.—Fighting continues at Torreon according to information given by rebel officers at Juarez today. No details were received. Rebel leaders contend that the man battle for supremacy was fought last week at Gomez Palacio, where soldiers of both sides fell by hundreds in the desperate conflict. The losses at Gomez Palacio were so heavy, it is said, that neither side is now capable of repeating so determined a battle.
In Torreon the fighting is said to be from building to building without any open charges or concentrated assaults. Gomez Palacio was taken by storm after three sanguinary assaults, according to the brief reports thus far received.
A story that reached Juarez last night when some correspondents arrived from the front indicated that the federals might have driven Villa's army back in confusion if they had known how to follow up their advantage.

STUBBORN RESISTANCE IS GIVEN GENERAL VILLA.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., Mar. 31.—While rebel officers are optimistic as to the outcome of the battle of Torreon, they said today that the absence of official reports indicated that General Villa was meeting with stubborn resistance. The telegraph office is accepting telegrams addressed to Gomez Palacio, care of General Villa, but thus far none addressed to newspaper men have been replied to.

BUREAU

For Agricultural Purposes is Busy Planning to Have Expert for This County.

At a meeting of the temporary officers of the Harrison County Agricultural Bureau held in the offices of the board of trade in the Union National Bank building late Monday afternoon an executive committee was named and a campaign was started to raise the necessary amount to secure an expert agriculturist to assist the farmers of the county.

The meeting was attended by Flavius B. Davidson, chairman; Harvey W. Harmon, secretary; and Claude W. Gore, of the temporary organization; G. W. Dudderar, secretary of the board of trade; Dean E. D. Sanderson, of the West Virginia University; and Nat C. Frame, of Morgantown. After a lengthy discussion about the plan to be used in forming the permanent organization, and the ability of a number of men who could be secured to take the position, an executive committee was named which will meet with the temporary organization and Mr. Dudderar at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Gore hotel. John D. McReynolds, G. W. Dudderar, E. B. Robison, Charles P. Hood and Jackson Arnold were named as the executive committee.

At the meeting Wednesday morning Mr. Dudderar hopes to get a number of men who will guarantee to donate \$100 each. If this can be done a man will be employed and he will start to work at once.

MINES CLOSE

In the State of Ohio as Result of Failure to Agree on a Wage Scale.

CLEVELAND, O., Mar. 31.—"Every mine in Ohio will be closed at 2:30 this afternoon," said C. L. Cummings, of the Goshen Coal Company here today, "if the coal miners here do not tell how long they will remain closed. The anti-strike law means the ruin of the Ohio coal industry. The mine run basis of payment is absolutely impossible as it results in depreciation of the quality of coal and places Ohio operators where they cannot compete with other states, where miners are paid on the lump coal basis."

TO MAKE ADDRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31.—Congressman Neely has accepted an invitation to address the alumni association of Salem college at Salem, June 10. He was formerly a student at the college.

F. Fowler, of Parkersburg, division freight agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was here Tuesday on official business. He was here last evening for Montreal, Canada.